

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-20 and 29-42 are pending. Claims 16-19, 29, 34 and 39-40 have been amended, and claims 1-15, 21-28 and 43-46 have been cancelled.

1. Rejection of Claims 1-15, 21-28 and 43-46 Under § 102(e)

Claims 1-15, 21-28 and 43-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,594,711 (Anderson). In order to expedite the issuance of the present application, claims 1-15, 21-28 and 43-46 have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection moot. However, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application, especially in light of the fact that Anderson does not predate the priority date of the present application.

2. Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 16-20 and 29-42 were objected to as being dependent upon ejected base claims, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 16-19, 29, 34 and 39-40 have been so amended (with the remaining pending claims dependent upon these allowable independent claims).

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It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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